

What is claimed is:

- 2 *DWQ7* 1. A method of transacting sales over a computerized network, the method comprising the steps of:
- 4 defining a first product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser;
- 6 correlating in a first database record the first product and the first purchaser;
- 8 further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of first database records the first product and respective ones of a plurality of second purchasers;
- 10 issuing an offer to a vendor to purchase the first product at a first offer price in a quantity responsive to the plurality of first database records; and
- 12 consummating a transaction between the vendor and the first and second purchasers.
- 14 2. The method of claim 1, wherein prior to performing said step of issuing an offer there is further provided the step of calculating a first commitment price.
- 16 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first commitment price is responsive to a rate of performing said step of further correlating.
- 18 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first commitment price is responsive to historical sales performance of the first product.
- 20 5. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first commitment price is responsive to a price trend of an article similar to the first article.
- 22 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said step of calculating a first commitment price is responsive to a price trend of the first article.
- 24 7. The method of claim 1, wherein there are further provided the steps of: defining a second product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser; and correlating in the second database record the second product and the first purchaser.
- 26 8. The method of claim 7, wherein there is further provided the step of further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of second database records the second product and respective ones of a plurality of third purchasers.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein there is further provided the step of
2 issuing a further offer to a vendor to purchase the second product at a second offer price
in a quantity responsive to the plurality of second database records.

4 10. The method of claim 9, wherein there is further provided the step of
formulating a first consolidated report for presentation to the first purchaser responsive
6 to the first and second offer prices.

8 11. The method of claim 8, wherein there is further provided the step of
formulating a first consolidated report for presentation to the first purchaser responsive
to the first and second database records.

10 12. A method of transacting sales over a computerized network, the method
D *DuBois* comprising the steps of:

12 defining a first product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser;
enabling the first purchaser to search a product database for a pre-existing
14 database record associated with a product having a relationship to the first product
acceptable to the first purchaser;
16 correlating in a first database record the first product and the first purchaser;
further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of first database records the
18 first product and respective ones of a plurality of second purchasers; and
enabling a vendor of products having a predetermined similarity to the first
20 product to search the product database.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein there is further provided the step of
22 consummating a transaction between the vendor and at least some of the first and
second purchasers.

24 14. The method of claim 13, wherein, prior to performing said step of
consummating a transaction there is provided the further step of consummating a
26 transaction between at least one vendor for a quantity of the first product responsive to
a predetermined portion of the total number of first database records.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein, prior to performing said step of
2 consummating a transaction there is provided the further step of consummating a
transaction between at least one vendor for a quantity of the first product responsive to
4 the total number of first database records.

16. A method of including a prospective purchaser in a pool in a
6 computerized network transaction system, the method comprising the steps of:

defining pool parameters responsive to a purchase desired to be made by the
8 purchaser;

active searching an active pools database for an active pool having a pool
10 characteristic resembling the pool parameters;

active presenting a matching active pool discovered in response to said step of
12 active searching to the prospective purchaser; and

active installing the prospective purchaser in the matching active pool in
14 response to said step of active presenting.

17. A method of including a prospective purchaser in a pool in a
16 computerized network transaction system, the method comprising the steps of:

defining pool parameters responsive to a purchase desired to be made by the
18 purchaser;

inactive searching an inactive pools database for an inactive pool having a pool
20 characteristic resembling the pool parameters;

inactive presenting a first matching inactive pool discovered in response to said
22 step of inactive searching; and

24 forming a new pool having new pool parameters similar to the first matching
inactive pool.

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18. The method of claim 17, wherein there is further provided the step of
2 commitment price calculating a new pool commitment price.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein there are further provided the steps of:
4 obtaining a commitment by the purchaser to purchase a product defined by the
new pool parameters at the new pool commitment price; and
6 installing the purchaser in the new pool.